

plate and into a resilient bushing to provide additional structural advantages in the assembled condition. Accordingly, the present invention provides additional structural and performance benefits by virtue of this inventive king pin nut that is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the applied art of record.

In particular, Reyes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,315,312) is directed to a skateboard truck assembly that includes a stacking arrangement of all of the components to be secured via a mounting pin 38 to an axle bracket 26 at upper end portion 30 having a tapering projection 46. However, Reyes et al. at most provides a wedge member 40 for securing a mounting pin 38 thereto. Reyes et al. does not and cannot by its very teachings provide or accommodate such fastener ("wedge member 40") with an elongated body necessary to extend through the base plate and into a resilient bushing to provide additional structural advantages in the fully assembled condition as required by the present invention. In fact, such structure would be impossible to achieve due to the projection 46 of Reyes et al. that extends into the housing 12 of that applied reference.

To patentably distinguish the present invention over this applied reference, independent claims 1, 9, and 19 have been amended to better distinguish the present invention over the applied art of record, without further limitations to or disclaimer of the invention by reciting that the king pin nut includes "an elongated body extending from the fastener body, the elongated body having a bore coextensive with the king pin engaging portion, the elongated body adapted to project through a recess provided in the baseplate, a distal end of the elongated body adapted to secure at least a portion of a bushing on a side of the baseplate opposite the front side in the assembled condition." Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are allowable as now presented and the Examiner is respectfully solicited to so find.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 4, 7, 9-17 and 19-22 as being unpatentable over Reyes et al., Applicant respectfully submits that Reyes et al. does not and cannot provide any suggestion or motivation to provide the invention as now provided in the claims as amended. Specifically, it would not have been obvious to provide the shaped shoulder and complementary recess as recited in the rejected claims in combination with the king pin nut having an elongated body as now recited in the claims as amended, as each of those claims either directly (independent claims 9 and 19) or indirectly (dependent claims 4, 7, 10-17 and 20-22) further requires the elongated body as described above. Accordingly, claims 4, 7, 9-17 and 19-22 are also allowable in their present form, and the Examiner is respectfully solicited to so find.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 8, 18 and 23 as being unpatentable over Reyes et al. in view of Gesmer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,263,725), Applicant respectfully submits that although Gesmer et al. provides riser pads, neither that applied reference nor Reyes et al. provides any suggestion or motivation to use such pads in combination with a king pin nut having an elongated body as now recited in amended independent claims 1, 9, and 19 from which each of the rejected claims directly depend. Accordingly, claims 8, 18 and 23 are also allowable in their present form, and the Examiner is respectfully solicited to so find.

A clean version of each replacement claim, with instructions for entry is provided above, and a marked-up version of said text is appended hereto, entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

In view of the amendments to the drawings and claims, and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance and that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should there be any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

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**APPENDIX: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE  
IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1. (Amended) A fastener for engaging a king pin having an engaging portion for securing a wheel truck baseplate to a skateboard, the fastener comprising:

a fastener body having an engaging portion complementary to the king pin engaging portion, [and]

a shoulder extending from the fastener body configured to be nestingly received and retained against substantial rotation when at least partially projected into a complementary shaped recess provided in the baseplate on a front side thereof, and

an elongated body extending from the fastener body, the elongated body having a bore coextensive with the king pin engaging portion, the elongated body adapted to project through a recess provided in the baseplate, a distal end of the elongated body adapted to secure at least a portion of a bushing on a side of the baseplate opposite the front side in the assembled condition.

9. (Amended) A wheel truck assembly kit for securing a wheel truck to a chassis for wheeled transport, the wheel truck supporting at least one axle-mounted wheel, the kit comprising:

a wheel truck baseplate adapted to be secured to the chassis,

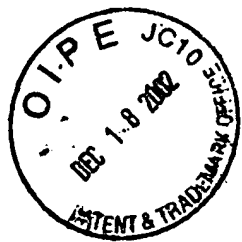
a king pin adapted to secure the wheel truck to the baseplate, the king pin having an engaging portion on a front side of the base plate, [and]

a fastener for securing the wheel truck to the baseplate the fastener including a fastener body having an engaging portion complementary to the king pin engaging portion, and a shaped projection extending from the fastener body configured to be nestingly received and retained against substantial rotation when at least partially projected into a complementary shaped recess provided in the baseplate, and

an elongated body extending from the fastener body, the elongated body having a bore coextensive with the king pin engaging portion, the elongated body adapted to project through a recess provided in the baseplate, a distal end of the elongated body adapted to secure at least a portion of a bushing on a side of the baseplate opposite the front side in the assembled condition..

19. (Amended) A fastener for securing accessories to a baseplate mounted to a skateboard by a kingpin, the base plate having a front side and a back side, the fastener comprising:

a fastener body having a threaded portion extending along a portion thereof for engaging with the kingpin, and a shoulder being integrally formed in the fastener body the shoulder being adapted to be received in substantially non-rotational nesting relationship with a complementary shaped recess provided in the front side of the baseplate when the fastener is at least partially engaged within the complementary shaped recess, and an elongated body extending from the fastener body, the elongated body having a bore coextensive with the threaded portion, the elongated body adapted to project through a recess provided in the baseplate, a distal end of the elongated body adapted to extend adjacent to the back side of the baseplate..



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